

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 563

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Moody Moore Palmer of Dyersburg.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Moody Moore Palmer; and

WHEREAS, Moody Palmer was an exemplary public servant consummate professional, and political icon who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer served with acumen and alacrity in Dyer County Republican politics for many years; during his distinguished life, he worked in many capacities, including farmer, professional wrestler, and rural letter carrier, and he bravely served his country in World War II; and

WHEREAS, because of his active political involvement, Mr. Palmer was renowned as Dyer County's "Mr. Republican"; he had been named Statesman of the Year, was the oldest member serving on the Republican State Executive Committee, and had served as Chairman of the Dyer County Republican Party; a member of the Ronald Reagan Library Committee; a member of advisory boards for President Ronald Reagan, President George Bush, and President George W. Bush; and was an advisor and confidant to several senators and governors, including Governor Winfield Dunn who served as best man at his wedding; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer played football and was on the wrestling team during his college days at Southwestern University, and he was also a Mason and a Shriner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer was an active and devout member of the Beech Grove Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Moody Palmer was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Velma Woodley Owenby Palmer, and was the proud father of Nancy Strawn and Ike Palmer and the proud stepfather of Maxine Dillahay and Eddie Ownby; and

WHEREAS, Moody Palmer is further survived by his sister, Mary Frances Maddox, and his brother, Charles Palmer; and

WHEREAS, those who knew him best speak of Mr. Palmer as a “fine gentleman” and “ideal American citizen”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant, politician, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Moody Moore Palmer, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Palmer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.